A study of impact of Business analytics on organizational growth with reference to Pune based organizations

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Abstract

Business analytics (BA) is process in which business data at all levels and from all the functional units of a businesses is collected, cleaned, processed and stored and then, by using statistical models and iterative methodologies it is transformed into business insights. Organization who are committed to make data driven decisions follow this kind of practice. Researcher has carried out a survey with an intention to know that which all industries have started using business analytics in Pune, awareness of managers towards business analytics practices, extent of data driven decision making approach of organizations, and what is the impact of usage of business analytics on the overall growth of an organization.

Survey was carried out on managers who are at tactic and strategic level in the organization. CIO, CTO, VP, Senior managers were the respondents selected considering that these are the people who are required to take day to day and strategic decisions for their organizations. Questionnaire was prepared and circulated to the said respondents of select large scale organizations. 345 valid responses are considered for further analysis. Researcher has collected responses from Manufacturing, Information technology, Pharmaceutical, Agricultural and Automobile industry. Finding suggest that various factors which are responsible for the overall growth of the organization if they are merged or connected with BA then organizational growth is certain.

Introductions

Due to technological advancement data is increasing in its exponential way and research has proved that systematic analysis of organizational data can elevate the business value. Strategic level managers use this analysis to take strategic decisions and policy building decisions. Businesses have now realized and have started adopting systematic approach towards designing the strategies for implementing business analytics practices.

Company performances maximizes by analyzing and measuring the organizational operational as well as strategic information and taking skillful decisions. Organization can take timely and efficient decisions based on historical and current data available with the organization.

It is very well known that; sustainable practices and decisions led to the overall growth of an organization. Growth in turn led to the profitability which is the ultimate goal of any business organization.
Keywords Business analytics, Knowledge management, operational level, Data driven decisions, organizational growth, competitive advantage, organizational value

Objective
1. To study the awareness and familiarity of Business analytics amongst the managers.
2. To study the relation of Business analytics on business decisions.
3. To study Impact of Business analytics on organizational growth.

Literature Review
Businesses need to go beyond operational data and MIS reports. Lot many things can be done on consolidated reports and output or analysis can be used as an organizational asset. Data warehousing is a concept in which data is collected, cleaned, stored and then analyzed. Organizations need to adapt this kind of technology to understand the biggest asset of their organization. Copeland, Ron (2001).

Organizations should work towards increasing the ROI and for that technology like predictive analytics can defiantly help. IDC research in Europe and America based organization shows almost 145% increase in profit. Predictive analytics have helped organizations in ensuring the improvement in business process enhancement and operational level decision making. Henry D. Morris (2003)

SAS had carried out survey on 215 managers to know what the impact of Business analytics on decision is making. In this survey 75% managers were from North America and 25 % from other part of the world. Managers were chosen from various job Profile 20% IT managers and 80% were non-IT managers. Non-IT managers include business consultant, CIO, CTO, CSO, CEO, project managers, VP from banking, manufacturing, insurance, healthcare, pharmaceutical, Telecommunication, Research and development industries. SAS had received was very much positive response on their survey and they concluded that BA has benefited in improving and speeding decision-making process. Along with this other benefit include realizing cost efficiencies, resource alignment with organizational strategies, improved competence, synchronization of various departmental strategies and goals. (SAS (2009)) figure 1.1 shows the list of key benefits organizations have received after implementing BA practices.

Figure 1.1 Key benefits derived from business analytics software source SAS (2009)
A huge research is going on regarding Business analytics and it is very rarely being discussed that which mechanism is to be followed or used to make decision making process effective with business analytics at organizational level. Cao, Guangming, Duan have identified in their research that business analytics is a step by step approach. In the beginning BA improves and influences information system and then improves decision making overall process. SCao, Guangming1, Duan, Yanqing1 Li, Gendao1 (2015)

Study on German companies have been carried out and output showed that non performing companies have not adopted Business analytics practices for their strategic level decision making vs performing companies adopted BA at strategic level decision making Klatt, Tobias (2011).

Threat to business can be reduced and safe and steady stage in businesses can be expected by using Business analytics at right level and in right way Process Engineering (2016) Majority of companies lacking tools, skilled workforce and infrastructure for implementing analytics in their organizations. Business analytics practices should be the priority of organizations and if they fail to implement at this stage then they will not be able to sustain in this competitive world. Forbes .com (2017)

![Analytics market size sector wise](image1.png)

Figure 1.2 Analytics market size sector wise source Analytic India Magazine (2018)

Figure 1.2 shows that almost all the sectors of businesses have started adopting analytics as a game changing tools and finance and banking is showing the highest percentage of usage of analytics.

![Analytics market in various cities](image2.png)

Figure 1.3 Analytics market in various cities of India source Analytic India Magazine (2018)
In India also analytics market is growing, and above graph can show city wise the status of analytics market in India.

Jim Goodnight, CEO of SAS Institute Inc., states that business analytics has a tremendous impact on organizational performance and profitability adding that the “ability to predict future business trends with reasonable accuracy will be one of the crucial competitive advantages of this new decade. And you won’t be able to do that without analytics.” (2015).

Organizational growth is not dependent on one parameter. It is the combination of various factors and usage of business analytics with these all factors plays a very important role in taking out insights and value out of it. Factors may include extent of usage of technology in the organization, achieving the objectives of organizations, creating opportunities in the organization, using innovative way to solve problems in the organization, aiming at taking competitive advantages over the competitors and at the end everything just leads to increase in business performance. Patrick Mikalefa, Maria Bourab, George Lekakos, John Krogstie(2019)

Research Methodology

Researcher after doing an extensive research based on secondary data in this area identified a gap that no study is carried out in Pune based organizations. So, researcher has carried out study in Pune city and taken responses from the managers who are either decision makers or direct BA users., questionnaire was prepared, Survey was carried out and responses were collected from Senior managers, VP, CEO, CTO, CIO of various different industries which included Pharmaceutical Industry, Information technology industry, Agricultural Industry, Automobile and manufacturing industry. 345 valid responses were considered for analysis. Following is the analysis and interpretation of data collected.

Familiarity with Business Analytics –

![Chart 1.1 Familiarity with BA](image)

Above Chart 1.1 shows that almost 30% of Managers were very much familiar with BA and its practices and 25% and 29% were familiar and somewhat familiar with
BA practices. Which shows that organizations in Pune have started taking the benefits of Business analytics but still almost 30% managers who are not completely sure and not familiar need to understand the importance of BA in terms of organizational performance.

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**Relationship of Business analytics on business decision.**

Below given is the data collected for understanding the relationship of Business analytics and decision-making process.

Table 1.1 Decision Making and BA
Decision Making and BA

**Interpretation:** In the case of Decision Making and BA, Management takes account of BA while taking business related decision this notion is strongly agreed by 75 (22%) respondents and agreed by 188 (54%) respondents. 27 (8%) respondents and 253 (73%) respondents respectively strongly agreed and agreed that, BA effectively used for solving specific issue or problem. The next aspect, BA contributes to develop new product/s or service/s in various business operations strongly agreed by 24 (7%) respondents and agreed by 255 (74%) respondents. BA successfully used to develop future business strategies is strongly agreed by 32 (9%) respondents and agreed by 246 (71%) respondents. Thus, it is observed that, Data shared by BA leads to effective innovation practices is one of the chosen options in the case of Decision Making and Business Analytics.

**BA and organizational Growth**

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opportunities

| BA supports the kind of innovations that leads to strategic advantage and growth of organization | 31  | 251 | 11  | 37  | 15  |
| BA added revival in gaining competitive advantage for the organization | 33  | 248 | 12  | 37  | 15  |

Table 1.2 BA and organizational growth

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**Interpretation:** The company is gaining more value as it getting familiar with BA is strongly agreed by 32 (9%) of the respondents and 252 (73%) respondents agreed with it. 28 (8%) respondents strongly agreed and 253 (73%) of respondents strongly agreed on fact that BA effectively contributes in achieving organizational objectives. BA is useful in creating new business opportunities is strongly agreed by 101 (29%) respondents and 186 (54%) agreed with it. As per the data 31 (9%) strongly agreed respondents and 251 (73%) agreed respondents, BA supports the kind of innovations that leads to strategic advantage and growth of organization. BA added revival in gaining competitive advantage for the organization is strongly agreed by 33 (10%) respondents followed by 248 (72%) agreed respondents. Thus it is observed that various different factors along with proper usage of Business analytics can enhance organizational performance.

**Conclusion**

Familiarity and awareness of business analytics tool is increasing. Top management slowly taking the hold on the complete process. Top management have also started adopting systematic strategy and plan to implement the Business analytics practices. Managers are also taking data driven approach for decision making. Organisations are also convinced that Business analytics practices are combinations of different growth factors,
strategies, policies and culture of an organization. After discussion with top management people personally it also has been noted that, many managers are not changing the mindset and because of that they could not take the advantage of analytics to increase the organizational performance. Organizations and managers those who have understood and started taking data driven approach in decision making have shown tremendous growth in their organization and have taken competitive advantages over the others. Growth of organization is mixture of various parameters and if BA is used properly in combination with each of that factor then no one can stop your organisation from growing.

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